



Russell Cerminara

September 3, 1943 - April 23, 2024

Russell Cerminara passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 in Cherry Hill, NJ. Born in Philadelphia to Angelo and Angelina Cerminara, Russell was 80 years old. He grew up in South Philly and was a long time resident of Cherry Hill.

Husband of the late Patricia (nee Schrufer). Dear father of John R. Cerminara and his wife Wendy, grandfather of Raeanna, McKenna and Tessa, brother of Robert (Laura) Cerminara, Angelo Philip (Barbara) Cerminara and Karen Marie (Howard) Mehrer. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Russell was an entrepreneur later in life, and he was the owner of Russell School of Music in Cherry Hill for many years. Russell always liked to be the center of attention and seemed to know everyone even if he did not always remember their name. Russell always enjoyed going out for lunch with friends and hearing about his granddaughters.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday, May 16th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Christ Our Light Church 402 North Kings Highway Cherry Hill, NJ. Russell's Memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m.

Inurnment will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Cherry Hill.

Afterwards you are welcome to attend a luncheon at Caffe Aldo Lamberti 2011 Marlton Pike W Cherry Hill NJ 08002.

If so desired, memorial contributions in Russell's name may be made to the JDRF Greater Delaware Valley Chapter. Mailing Address/Check Donations:
Greater Delaware Valley Chapter
PO Box 1532 Hagerstown, MD 21741-1532

To share your memories of Russell, please visit www.givnish.com

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light
402 Kings Highway N
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Memorial Mass

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Light
402 Kings Highway N
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Inurnment

MAY 16. 12:30 PM (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
2398 Route 70 W
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Caffe Aldo Lamberti

MAY 16. 1:30 PM (ET)

Caffe Aldo Lamberti
2011 Marlton Pike West
Cherry Hill , NJ 08002

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Russ, when we were in school together, in Moorestown, New Jersey. We weren't close friends, but I always liked Russ. One day he wasn't around any more. I ran into him years later and we talk for only a few minutes.
Now I find he passed away. Rest in peace Russ. You were one of the good guys, in my opinion.

Robert Burns - January 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM

KF

“ Russell gave me a place to start the recording studio which I currently still own and operate MIRROR SOUND RECORDING STUDIO in Seattle WA. At the time I was teaching guitar at RSM Cherry Hill 1 day a week. Russell offered me the studio space upstairs when it became available. My partner at the time Adam Kessler also has many fond memories of that time and the music we made and recorded there. So many friendships were made. So many professional contacts started. Russell was a great guy, a very fair boss and represents a huge chapter in my life. RIP Russell.

Ken Fordyce - May 17, 2024 at 08:08 PM

AK

“ Russell helped me start my music career first by hosting our recording studio in the attic of his school and by selling to me at discounts so I could resell strings and sticks and heads, and the like to the bands playing in Wildwood in the summer. I also wrote for a magazine I think he published. Good man. Condolences to his family.

Adam Kessler - May 16, 2024 at 05:17 PM

FF

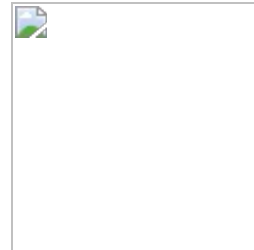
“ From the Grungo Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Russell Cerminara.



From the Grungo Family - May 15, 2024 at 12:23 PM

RO

“ Have too many fond memories of Russ and his family. He's always been there through the years as a good friend of my father, Bob. I can think of the piano lessons at his studio, meeting all the local celebrities at his events and figuring out the next "deal" he was working on. Russ was a survivor for sure! The best part of him in my family's life is I got to have his late wife, my Aunt Pat, and son, John Russell, in my life. They are truly special people and I'm privileged to have John Russell's wonderful family that I can call cousin's! My thoughts, prayers and blessings go to the family.



Robert - May 15, 2024 at 11:33 AM

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Jcerminara331 - May 08, 2024 at 08:31 PM

CK

“ Russ started teaching at his home. He then renovated an old house in Cherry Hill, where he had so many students that he had an addition built on by my Dad and husband. There were so many recitals and concerts, had many students receive awards, so many orchestras, bands, and combos, winning a lot of trophies under the direction of "Mr. Russell" and "Mr. Robert" cause students couldn't pronounce Cerminara. So proud, many students went on to become teachers and professionals. He took on an entertainment magazine and radio show, meeting so many famous celebrities. He produced many TV shows and had huge adventures, did many grand openings, hot air ballon race at the Cherry Hill racetrack, enormous food festivals at the Navy Yard and Wildwood Convention Center, with thousands of people in attendance. He made things happen! After he became ill, he amazed so many people. Most of us would have given up. He put up an amazing fight and will be missed by many. RIP Uncle Russ, Bob, Chris, Brenda, Kristin and Bryan Kelly

Chris Kelly - May 07, 2024 at 01:40 PM

CB

“ I stumbled upon this today simply because I thought of Russell and googled him as I periodically do!! I am so terribly saddened to learn of his passing. My heartfelt condolences go out to Russell's family. I have many fond memories from my days teaching at his school in the early 70's . I always appreciated the opportunity and experience he gave me as a young teacher working for him. His energy and enthusiasm was something I always admired! It was also an especially wonderful time for me because of being associated with the other teachers, students and parents at his school. To me, it felt like we were a family there! Russell afforded me a learning experience I never forgot and will always be thankful for! May you rest in peace, Russell.
Cliff Bolt

Cliff. Bolt - May 06, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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frank mehrer - May 04, 2024 at 10:41 AM

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frank mehrer - May 04, 2024 at 10:37 AM

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Robert Cerminara - May 03, 2024 at 10:47 AM

AV

“ I'm very sad to hear of Russell's Passing. I worked for Russell for years at Stepping Out. He was a very strong personable person. We remained friends for over 45 years. He was always a kind gentleman. I will miss him very much. My sincere condolences to all his family. May he rest peacefully. ❤️ 🙏 Sincerely, Ann and Mark Vassallo



Ann Vassallo - April 29, 2024 at 12:10 AM

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Jcerminara331 - April 26, 2024 at 09:08 PM

GB

“ My condolences to all family and friends of Russ. May your tears soon be replaced by all of the happy memories. I knew Russ for many, many years professionally and socially. He was a pioneer of the video interview (Happening Now) and he was never at a loss for words-ever. Russell, what do you do? He knows what that means and is probably having a good laugh. I truly enjoyed his company - he was the best dinner partner of all time. Save him a seat at the table, he was always up for a good meal with great people. He is already missed and will never be forgotten. Is Russ the Best? Boy I Guess!- Gary Barbera

Gary Barbera - April 26, 2024 at 05:48 PM

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Phil Cerminara - April 26, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 11:23 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 11:18 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 11:06 PM

JB

This has be around the late 50's. Wow. What a classic and how handsome was he..

Jeanne Marie Brunozzi - April 29, 2024 at 01:20 AM



This is the Russ I knew in school. Wonderful pictures.

Robert Burns - November 12, 2025 at 04:52 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM

JB

How beautiful.. Wonder if this was a wedding or a prom..!

Jeanne Marie Brunozzi - April 25, 2024 at 10:56 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 10:51 PM

JB

Oh my goodness...!! I remember this picture...!! Love it. Look how cute they all are...!! Aunt Angie and Uncle Angelo were proud of their boys...!! Look at the age difference...!! So much love too..

Jeanne Marie Brunozzi - April 25, 2024 at 11:27 PM

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Frank Mehrer - April 25, 2024 at 10:50 PM

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Jcerminara331 - April 23, 2024 at 03:40 PM